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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no need to make any survey. The Board meets periodically and whenever it feels that there is need for granting more licences for the plying of baby-taxis the required licences would be given. As I have already said even now there are 430 applications for the grant of licences. These applications would be gone into and enough permits to cope with the public demand for baby-taxis would be given. Therefore there is no need to make any survey regarding the demand for these baby-taxis in the city."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" பொதுமக்கள் சௌகரியத்தை முன்னிட்டு, பெரிய டாக்ஸிகளுக்கு போடப்பட்டிருக்கும் மைலுக்கு 12 அணா என்றிருக்கும் கட்டணத்தைக் குறைப்பதற்கு ஏதாவது சர்க்காரில் யோசனை இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" இப்போது சின்ன டாக்ஸி விஷயத்தைப்பற்றிப் பேசப்படுகிறது. பெரிய டாக்ஸியில் போவதற்கு கஷ்டப்படுபவர்கள் சின்ன டாக்ஸியில் போகலாம். பெரிய டாக்ஸியில் இதுவரையில் 4 பேர் போகலாம் என்று இருந்தது. ஆனால் இப்போது 5 பேர்கள் போகலாம் என்று உத்திரவு போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Exemptions granted under the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947.

24 *Q.*—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of all the exemptions of persons or classes of persons, establishments or classes of establishments under the Madras Shops and Establishments Act, 1947, which are now in force ; and to state—

(*a*) in how many of the above cases the Government have consulted the employees before passing the order of exemption ;

(*b*) in how many cases permanent exemption has been granted; and

(*c*) in how many cases exemption has been granted from all the provisions of the above Act?

A.—A list [a] of exemptions granted is placed on the table of the House.

(*a*) In none of the cases were the employees consulted.

(*b*) 86.

(*c*) 24.

Full fee concession to the children of women teachers.

25 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the children of women teachers employed in institutions managed by local bodies and also of those in Government employ are eligible for full fee concession for their studies;

(a) Printed as Appendix on pages 836-840 infra.

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(*b*) whether this concession is allowed to the children of Local Fund women teachers studying in Government high schools and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether any representation has been received by the Government for equality in treatment of children of all women teachers and if so, the orders passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) The children of women teachers employed in institutions managed by local bodies and also of those in Government employ are eligible for full fee concession provided the income of such teachers employed in institutions managed by local bodies together with the income if any of their husbands does not exceed Rs. 50 a month and that in the case of widows the income does not exceed Rs. 75 per month and that in the case of women teachers in Government educational institutions the pay should not exceed Rs. 100 per month and in the case of widows the pay should not exceed Rs. 125 per month.

(*b*) This concession is not allowed to the children of women teachers in the employ of a local board or municipal council studying in a Government High School as originally it was intended to grant the concession to the children of women teachers working in Government schools only, on financial grounds.

(*c*) There does not seem to have been any representation from anybody for equality in treatment.

Application for grant of free lands for cultivation or housing.

26 *Q.*—Sri T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any application was received from the rural Viswakarma industrialist of Ayyampet, Tanjore district, for grant of free lands for cultivation or housing; and if so, when;

(*b*) whether these essential village industrialists are treated as village artisans for the above purpose; and

(*c*) in which districts grants of land or house-sites have been made or are proposed to be made to the rural industrialists such as carpenters, blacksmiths, wheelrights and plough and loom-makers?

A.—(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) There is no special provision for treating the village industrialists as village artisans for the purpose of assignment of lands.

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(c) There are no proposals for grant of land or house-sites to the rural industrialists as such. Agricultural lands are being assigned to the landless poor according to the existing instructions.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

* SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" On a point of information, Sir. On the 26th March, you were pleased to call me to move the non-official resolution which stood in my name . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" If the hon. Member wants any information about any decisions which I have made, he must ask me in my Chamber and not here in the House."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Yes, Sir."

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) ACTS ASSENTED TO BY THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to make the following announcements with reference to the Acts assented to by the Governor :—

'(1) The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 30 of 1954), passed by the Madras Legislature on the 18th March 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 27th March 1955 and has been published as Act No. V of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 30th March 1955 ;

(2) The Madras Appropriation Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 5 of 1955), passed by the Madras Legislature on the 29th March 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 31st March 1955 and has been published as Act No. VI of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Extraordinary, dated the 31st March 1955 ; and

(3) The Madras Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 6 of 1955), passed by the Madras Legislature on the 29th March 1955 received the assent of the Governor on the 31st March, 1955 and has been published as Act No. VII of 1955 in Part IV-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Extraordinary, dated the 31st March 1955.' "

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have also to announce to the House that I have received messages from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly :—

'(1)	On 31st March 1955.	The Madras Court Fees and Suits Valuation Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1954).
(2)	On 31st March 1955.	The Madras City Civil Court (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1955).
(3)	On 1st April 1955 ..	The Madras Cinemas (Regulation) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 52 of 1954).
(4)	On 1st April 1955 ..	The Presidency Small Cause Courts (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 8 of 1955).